

# Dao language (China)

The **Dao language** or **Daohua** (Chinese: 倒话; pinyin: dàohuà; lit. 'inverted language') is a Chinese–Tibetan mixed language or creolized language of Yajiang County, Sichuan, China. Word order is SOV as in Tibetan (Yeshes Vodgsal Atshogs 2004:6), while the lexicon consists of words derived from both Chinese and Tibetan.

## Distribution

Yeshes Vodgsal Atshogs (2004:6) reports that Dao is spoken in the following townships of Yajiang County, Sichuan, China. Within these administrative townships, Dao is spoken in 8 villages, comprising a total of 504 households and 2,685 individuals as of 1995.

- Hekou town 河口镇 (including Mazishi village 麻子石村<sup>[2]</sup>)
- Bajiaolou township 八角楼乡
- Xiala township 呷拉乡

Choyo, a Qiangic language, is spoken just to the north of Dao, and is also spoken in Xiala township 呷拉乡.

Dao	
<b>Native to</b>	China
<b>Region</b>	Yajiang County, Sichuan
<b>Native speakers</b>	(2,685 cited 1995) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Language family</b>	mixed Mandarin–Tibetan
Language codes	
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	None ( <code>mis</code> )
<b>Glottolog</b>	<a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/id/daoh1239">daoh1239</a> ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/id/daoh1239">http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/id/daoh1239</a> )

## See also

- [Selibu language](#)
- [Wutun language](#)

## References

1. Yeshes Vodgsal Atshogs (2004:6)
  2. Representative dialect covered by Atshogs (2004)
- Yeshes Vodgsal Atshogs / Yixiweisa Acuo [意西微萨 · 阿错]. 2004. *A study of Dao* [倒话研究]. Beijing: Ethnic Publishing House [民族出版社]. ISBN 978-7-105-06016-0

## External links

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- Dao numerals (<https://web.archive.org/web/20150703164910/http://lingweb.eva.mpg.de/numerical/Daohua.htm>)
- Glottolog data for Dao (<https://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/daoh1239>)